

# A MERRY CHRISTMAS

## Alpha Phi Alpha Meets In This City Next Week

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**THE BLACK FACE COMEDIAN HAS DONE EQUALLY AS MUCH HARM TO THE AMERICAN NEGRO AS THE RACE HATING PLAY, "BIRTH OF A NATION."**

By Rucker Smith.

Although I am a mulatto, I can not rise higher or sink lower than the black man. If he is elevated, I am lifted up also; if he is degraded, I am included in his degradation. If I do something to hold him back, I have struck a blow at myself.

And for this reason I have brought the moving pictures into the race problem. The moving pictures have come into our lives to stay. They cannot be ignored, however much you would like to do so, as a potent factor in moulding and shaping the destiny of races. They must build up and strengthen for us where the black face comedian and the exaggerated drama has torn down.



MR. RUCKER SMITH.

His interesting articles are always eagerly sought by the readers of the Sun.

The moving picture with its highly instructive proclivities, its penetrative and epigrammatic language and its portrayal of human affairs, whether in the snow-capped mountains of the North, or under the sweltering Sun of the South, touches a chord of human sympathy which soothes and uplifts the race for whom it was produced. It can do the same thing for our race if we desire it. If you are a true race man or woman, demand that colored movies shall represent the race, not the yellow caste alone, but every hue and color of the race, and that no black face shall be used discreditably.

The black-face comedian had its origin in the dark days following slavery. The Georgia minstrels, Alabama blossoms and other companies, so deeply impressed the idea upon the minds of both races, that now a black face must have white rings around their eyes and mouth to appear upon the stage. This is not only practiced by professional theatrical people, but the horror of it, that is practiced by local dramatic clubs, staged for the race only.

The black race came through a legitimate door of creation, if any other race did. The only difference is that nature produced so abundantly on his native land, the whip of necessity was not applied to him as it was to races in colder climates.

The greatest problem of all races is to hold untarnished, undefiled, beautiful and chaste ideals of woman and manhood. No race ever succeeded without them. No race can fall with them.

Give us clean race pictures along with pure race literature, then watch the race grow.

**CHICAGO NEGROES INCREASE**  
(By the Associated Negro Press.)  
Chicago, Dec. 21.—The census bureau at Washington has just announced that the Negro population of Chicago has increased 65,491 in the last decade and now is 109,594. The percentage of increase was 148.5. The total white population is 2,589,104, an increase of 450,047, or 21%, and all others numbered 3,007. Prominent colored state that the colored population is 150,000 at least.

**BISHOP VERNON WRITES.**

On Board R. M. S. Olympic.

December 3rd, 1920.

Hon. N. C. Crews, Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Friend Crews:—

I thought to write you today as we near the shores of England. We feel that we have so many good friends there who have remained true all these years that they may care to know how we have spent the days since we left Kansas City.

At Washington, Philadelphia and New York we were given splendid farewell receptions. Bishops, General Officers, Ministers and laymen showered us with courtesies, kind and encouraging words and even donations. They made us know that they cared for us and wished us well on the long far journey to a strange people in a strange land. May God bless them—we will never forget them. During the stay in Washington I visited various embassies for the purpose of having our passports visaed to different countries while abroad. These included England, Italy, France and Switzerland. The Kroomland, on which we were to sail was delayed on the way to New York owing to bad weather at sea and we were transferred to the "Olympic" the largest steamer of the British Empire. The ship is a veritable palace. The nearest I have seen to it in gorgeousness was at the White House receptions, while we lived in Washington. All sorts and conditions are aboard, Rear Admirals, Counts, millionaires, and every type down to third class passengers below.

Curiously enough Capt. Archibald Roosevelt, a son of any great and good friend the late Col. Roosevelt is on the same deck with me just across the hall. There is no discrimination anywhere. In the lobby, the dining room and everywhere we receive every courtesy and consideration. With meeting some pleasant people, plenty of books to read and the diversions on board the time passes rapidly. Some of the weather has been a bit stormy but today as we near France the sky is cloudless. How grand, beautiful and awe inspiring is the sea. As far as the eye can see

the waves billowy, green, blue, sunlit, gold-capped and fringed with foam roll by. We are putting our trust in Him who made the ocean and can still all tempests whether of materiality or of the soul. Sunday we attended divine service on board as never before those present seemed to give themselves into His care. So far I have made a pretty good sailor. Bertram, our boy has been regular at every meal as lusty as anyone on board. He is one of a quartette of youngsters on board. The other three are white boys—one from Virginia, one from Texas and one from California. They seem to all be one in companionship and association. Alas poor sister Vernon has had her share of sea sickness—but with walking the deck and sitting in a steamer chair on deck she is getting back to normal.

But I have written you quite too long a letter. We are, God willing, due to reach Cherbourg, France at 6:00 A. M. tomorrow (Saturday morning) and Southampton at 2:30 the same day. We ought to reach London by real about 5:00 P. M. Saturday. I am sending a wireless to Dr. Thos. Fletcher at London to meet us at Southampton. How strange that we should find across the ocean my good friend, Prof. French's daughter, now Mrs. Fletcher, whom I knew as a child. But God is good. Love to all.

Your friend,

W. T. VERNON.

Mr. Martin Brown, of Minneapolis Minn., traveling representative of Austin Jenkin's Co., of Washington, D. C., publishers of race books, is in the City for a few days. Mr. Brown is making a tour of the state in special interest of the Schools and Colleges. Among his collection are the New Du Bois, book, "Darkwater," Progress and Achievements of the Colored People, by Kelley Miller. Mr. Brown is stopping at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fairfax on Tracy avenue.

Cut the high cost of living by buying your meats at the National Packing House Market, 558 Walnut.

This is the season of the year when it is a pleasure to exchange fraternal greetings which cement the cordial relationship and good feeling which exist between us.

We wish also to assure you that our best endeavors will be to maintain that quality and service given to Jeff's lunch, and in extending to our friends sincere and hearty Holiday greetings, we desire for you an abundance of the best things in life, and may the coming year bring health, increased wisdom and happiness.

**JEFF'S LUNCH, 1900 VINE ST.**



MRS. STELLA HUBBARD.

**A Leader Among Women of Our Race In the Business World.**

The subject of this sketch is a woman possessed with a charming personality and her equanimity as a designer of latest styles in millinery would be very difficult to find.

Mrs. Hubbard's utmost desire is to please her patrons who come from far and near and shows the same consideration to one who spends a small amount of money with her as she would the person spending a large amount. If you have been skeptical about the values given by a Colored milliner do not hesitate any longer but go to the busiest shop of its kind in the city and you will be ready to agree with me that there is a milliner of the race in the City who believes in giving the best for value received.

The time has now come that we should instill race pride in our children by letting them play with Colored dolls. Mrs. Hubbard has a limited supply of real Colored dolls and has a better selection than anyone in the City. The prices are very small. This is the only place at present where Colored dolls may be found already dressed. Her hand made velvet and ostrich corsage bouquets, the newest novelties for ladies, are very beautiful and the prices are moderate. Before buying your evening and afternoon gowns see Mrs. Hubbard and she will furnish you just what you need. 1607 "A" E. 18th. Bell phone Clifton 4730.

Why not buy your candles, nuts and fruits at the Fad. We handle the very best at the lowest prices. Help us and watch us grow. 1613 E. 18th St. Clifton 1760.

**INCREASE IN LYNCHING.**

(By the Associated Negro Press.)

New York, Dec. 8.—The terrible extent to which lynching is taking hold of the United States is set forth in a special appeal by James Weldon Johnson, executive secretary, N. A. A. P., through the Associated Negro Press.

Mr. Johnson says: Two days before Thanksgiving Day a Mississippi mob battered down the doors of a courtroom, seized a prisoner who was being tried at a special term of the court, and dragged him at the end of a rope tied to the rear of an automobile, finally hanging the lifeless body and riddling it with bullets.

On Thanksgiving Day a New York newspaper published the following headline: "LYNCH NEGRO BY MISTAKE."

"Georgia Posse Shoots Brother of Man Who Killed White."

In Mississippi the sanctity of a courtroom was violated. In Georgia an innocent man was brutally murdered. No one will be punished for participation in these or the fifty other atrocities which have disgraced the United States before the world in 1920.

The American people are now given opportunity to end this disgrace. Senator Curtis and Representative Dyer have introduced in Congress a federal anti-lynching bill which provides:

1. For a \$10,000 fine to be paid by any county in which a lynching occurs;
  2. For prosecution of negligent state and county officers in the United States courts;
  3. For trial on charge of murder in a United States Court of all participation in lynchings.
- May we, through the Associated Negro Press ask those citizens who want lynching in the United States stopped, to write their senators or representatives urging the enactment of federal anti-lynching legislation?

Yours very truly,  
James Weldon Johnson, Secretary.

**A CALL TO NEGRO MEN AND WOMEN OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI.**

United We Stand, Divided We Fall. The Missouri Negro Industrial Commission urges you to consider the following statements of facts, then if you are sincere and true to the interests of the Race, put your faith to the test and act.

Every race of man that has made progress that counts and lifts it up, has been the race that believes in meeting and discussing what is best for all the members of the Race and devising ways and means to bring its plans to a successful issue. This is Union and Strength.

Too long have we been divided as a group in this great state; divided on mere trifles of leadership, honors of office and differences of opinion. The time has now arrived in the History of the Negroes of Missouri when they must grasp the opportunity to assume the privileges of citizenship and accept its burdens, and for the purpose of a heart to heart discussion of what is best for the Negroes of Missouri.

The Negro Industrial Commission calls upon every Negro man and woman in the State to attend this Conference to be held at Bowling Green, Missouri, on Saturday the first day of January 1921 at eleven o'clock A. M. Come let us reason together.

(Signed) J. B. Coleman, Columbia. A. C. Maclin, Hannibal. Joe Haskell, Maysville. Burt Hayden, Kirkwood. N. C. Bruce, Chairman. Robert S. Cobb, Secy. Executive Committee.

**MADAME BRIDGES OF C. AND C. COLLEGE ENTERTAINS.**

Madame Bridges announces the first social evening of C. and C. College at 19th and Paseo Tuesday evening, December 28, 8 to 11 p. m. A delightful program will be rendered. Refreshments will be served free and the entire public is invited.

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**A LEADER IN HIS PROFESSION.**

The Sun is always pleased to herald the successful achievements of members of our racial group and especially those who along professional lines in the face of keen opposition have forged resolutely to the front. And it is with pleasure we call attention to the fact that Dr. Martin G. Brookins, one of our native sons who for years has been recognized as one of our most competent physicians, has built up a most extensive practice in the diseases and surgery of the eye, ear, nose and throat.



Dr. M. G. Brookins.

Dr. Brookins has specialized in the treatment of these particular diseases under one of the most eminent specialists of this city and has recently equipped his office at 1816 Woodland Avenue with every modern convenience and requirement for this special line of work. All of these accomplishments that we relate from time to time on the part of our people is but an incentive to others of the race to strive to climb to the heights.

The Sun congratulates Dr. Brookins upon his wonderful and fully deserved success and bids its patrons drop in to his elegant offices and see for themselves the splendid work he is doing.

We will send it, Jeff's.

**Greetings.**

Dr. A. E. Troup, Dentist

and

Dr. C. Lloyd Peebles, Physician and Surgeon,

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Cordial Christmas Greetings and Best Wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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